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(or wall) U. S. HALF CEN



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1793 Gilbert 2. Extremely Fine-40. A rich mahogany brown. Sharply struck with a full beaded border on the obverse and virtually so on the reverse. Some porosity behind the head and some weakness on HALF CENT, with some old barely visible scratches on the reverse. A truly lovely coin which will no doubt attract considerable bidding.



1793 G.3. Double leaf on edge. About Uncirculated-55, sharply struck obverse and reeverse. A tiny edge dinge over the "L" of LIBERTY. Full beaded border on both sides.

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Hich, glossy surfaces. This coin certainly ranks in the Condition Census. By far, curfaces—a leave better than the splendid Brobston coin.

TOTAL: Mine 2+ pts. better



1794 (3.9. The 'High Head 'The head placed high over the date. The date double-punched with the first numerals virtually touching the border. Struck from lightly clashed dies ket . Mr. with the first numerals virtually touching the border. Struck from lightly clashed dies ket . Mr. with the showing the wreath before the face. About Uncirculated-55, a plossy reddish-byown; who had some some standard of the showing the work of the showing the same standard of the showing the showing the showing the same standard of the showing tha

04 1795 G.5. Plain edge, no pole. Triple leaf under IT. Struck over a cut-down Talbot, Allum & Lee cent. Very Fine-20 but some noticeable edge dents on both sides. Even medium

60+ (P)

EXTREMELY RARE Compare 96.2.2. 60 1796 HALF CENT IN MINT STATE 63



1796 G.1. Pole to cap. Uncirculated Gem. Full prooflike surface. Superb. Faded mint red with some iridescence.

Of all the copper coins struck in the United States the rarest is the 1796 Half Cent. In all, only 6,480 coins were struck; 5,090 With Pole coined in May 1796, and 1,390 Without Pole on October 24, 1796. The 1796 Half Cent in MINT STATE, however, almost defies comparison with any United States coin. We have searched our card index and library thoroughly and can only locate FIVE Mint State specimens. This specimen is the Charles Jay example (formerly the Brobston coin, sold by us in 1963), which we sold for Mr. Jay at Public Auction in October 1967. It compares favorably with the Anderson Dupant specimen, November 1954, and the Hillyer Ryder specimen, June 1954. Since 1954, when the Ryder and Dupont specimens were sold, only the Brobston-Jay coin, and the R.L. Miles, Jr. example have been available to the collector. Since the Jay Sale we have been privileged to offer both the R.L. Miles Jr. coin again (\$11,000.00) and the Dupont coin which realized \$20,000.00 in 1975. There is no doubt that there is a renaissance in copper coins. This fact is borne out by recent sales and therefore this magnificent item which is a great rarity and in absolutely superb condition should set a new record for a U.S. Half Cent. Both envelopes attached.

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1006 1797 G.3. Plain edge with pole. A remarkable example, double struck but virtually all devices are sharp. Very Fine-25, medium brown with a hint of fridescence.



1007 1800 G.1. Gem Uncirculated, MS-65, exquisite pale sea-green and russet from faded b0+ mint red. Cameo-like in appearance.

1008 V802 (:1. Over 1800 as are all. From the wear standpoint the coin grades Very Fine-20, however the surface is uniform, but slightly rough. Rare.



1009 1804 G.2. Plain 4, stemless. Choice Uncirculated, MS-60+. Mostly sea-green iridescence with mint color in the devices. Sharply struck, in fact, just bordering on the gem care devices.



1010 1804 G.8. Spiked chin, protruding tongue. State 8 of the reverse rim break. The terminal state of the die. The various bulges and die damage clearly in evidence on the obverse.

Uncirculated, MS-60. Olive, russet and iridescent.

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1013 1811 G.1. Close date. Extremely Fine-40 and a splendid example of this very scarce date.

Rich, glossy dark brown.

EXTREMELY RARE 1811 RESTRIKE HALF CENT



1014 1811 Restrike. Obverse of G.1, reverse of 1802 G.1. Proof, struck from rusty dies, iridescent, magenta, and sea-green. These coins were struck by J.J. Mickley of Philadolphia.

The dies were then repurchased by the U.S. Government in 1879 and destroyed. Of the utmost rarity! Only 6 were struck. We can only trace three others at this time; the Dupont coin sold by us in 1954, the Showers specimen, and the Brobston specimen. Worth a nice four figure price. From our R.L. Miles, Jr. Collection, 1969.



1828 G.1. Gem Uncirculated, MS-65. Full mint color just turning iridescent. Prooflike surface. A splendid coin!

1829 G.1. Choice Uncirculated, MS-60+, Frosty olive-brown from mint color, some light iridescence.

RARE 1831 PROOF HALF CENT



1017 1831 G.2. First Restrike. Uppermost leaf ends under the left side of 'S'. State I, where the \(\frac{\psi}{\psi}\) disease still perfect, upbelged and uncracked. A superb Brilliant Proof with a blush of iridescence. From four Rt. Miles, Jr. Collection.



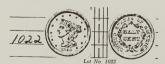


- 1018 1833 G.1. Choice Proof. Dark iridescence, the reverse a lighter olive. Sharply struck.
 From our Milton A. Holmes Sale, October 1960, lot 1327.
- 1019 1833 G.1. Choice Uncirculated, MS-60+. Frosty iridescence from faded mint color.
- 1020 1835 G.2. Choice Uncirculated, MS-60+. Glossy olive mixed with mint red. Struck

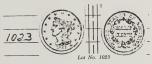
RARE 1836 PROOF HALF CENT



1021 1836 G.1. Original. Large berries. Weight 82½ grains. Obverse not bulged and the edges slightly rounded. Gem Brilliant Proof, walnut and faintly iridescent with a hint of original color. A splendid example of this rare coin. From the W. Foster Schreeder Collection, April 1979, lot 114.



1022 /1840 G.1. Original. Large berries. Choice Proof. A lovely example with full color, a few light specks and light iridescence.



1023 1841 G.1. Original. Large berries. Gem Proof. Exquisite orange, magenta, sea-green iridescent toning. Of breathtaking beauty. From our Milton A Holmes Collection, lot 1334.



1024 1841 Original. Large berries. Extremely Fine-40. Light circulation marks. Steel-brown and olive.

Note: The 1810 and 1811 Original Half Cents are about the two wost curious coins in the cutive copper series. Apparently these coins were struck on reeded edge planetets. These planetets were theustruck on dies with a plain collar which flattened out the reeding. The reeding is quite evident under a fairly strong glass.



1025 1841 G.3. Second Restrike. Small berries. Reverse of 1840. Die scratches over "RICA". Gem Proof. Splendid sea-green and pale russet toning.



1026 1842 G.1. Original. Large berries. Proof, rich walnut from faded mint color. A few tiny marks indicating that the coin might have seen a touch of circulation.



1027 1843 G.1. Original, Large berries. Proof, iridescent toning. This, like the previous lot, may have seen the slightest circulation. Another example from our Holmes Sale, lot 1338.



1028 1844 G.1. Original. Large berries. Choice Proof. A superb example, faded mint color muted to a reddish-olive and a hint of sea-green.



1029 1846 G.1. Original. Large berries. Choice Proof. A lovely example, walnut with reddishpurple overtones. From our R.L. Miles, Jr. Sale, lot 58.



1030 1847 G.I. Original. Large berries. Gem Proof. Exquisite mint color mixed with pale iridescent toning. A stunning example of one of the rarest years of the "Proof Only" series. A Rurity 7 as there are only about 8-10 specimens extant.



1031 1848 G.1. Original, Large berries. Choice Proof. Brick red and slightly iridescent. A superb example from our George F. Scanlon Sale, October 1973, lot 30.



1032 1848 G.2. First Restrike. Small berries. Choice Proof. A splendid example, gun metal with reddish sea-green overtones.



1033 1849 G.2. Small date. First Restrike, Small berries, Reverse of 1856. Choice Proof. A superb example nearly in the gem category, mint red, steel and sea-green. A deceptively rare coin.



1034 1849 G.3. Large date. Uncirculated, MS-60+. A miniscule obverse rim nick, even light tan with considerable mint red in the devices. Rarely is this variety found with any mint color.



1035 1851 G.1. Choice Uncirculated, MS-65. Full mint red with a blush of toning. From our
Holmes Sale, lot 1348.



1036 1852 G.2. First Restrike. Small berries. Reverse of 1856. Choice Proof. Choice steel and russet. A lovely coin.



1037 1853 G.1. Uncirculated, MS-65. A gem, frosty brown with mint color in the devices.





1038 1854 G.1. Choice Uncirculated, MS-65. Full flaming mint red with the slightest toning.



1039 1855 G.1. Gem Proof. A superb example with a kaleidoscope of color.



1040 1855 G.1. Gem Brilliant Uncirculated, MS-65+, full original flaming mint color. Rarely are these coins encountered with full color.



1041 1856 G. 1. Gem Proof. Full original color with the faintest tridescence. From our Charles

3ay Collection, October 1967 to 375.

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1042 1857 G.1. Choice Proof. A superb example, red and iridescent with faint steel overtones. How we did one of From our Charles Jay Collection, lot 381, formerly from our Brobston Collection.



1043 1857 G.1. Choice Uncirculated, MS-65. Full mint red. Rare in this state of preservation. From our Holmes Sale, lot 1357.